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This International Searching Authority found multiple (groups of) inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. claims: 1,12

Claim 1 relates to a clathrate compound having the following formula:

Ba8 Aua Ge46-a

2. claims: 2,3,4,13,14,15

Claim 2 relates to a clathrate compound having the following formula:

Ba8 Aub Gac Ge46-b-c

3. claims: 5,16

Claim 5 relates to a clathrate compound having the following formula:

Ba8 Ptg Ge46-g

4. claims: 6,7,17,18

Claim 6 relates to a clathrate compound having the following formula:

Ba8 Pdh Ge46-h

5. claims: 8,19

Claim 8 relates to a clathrate compound having the following formula:

Ba8 Ak Gal Si 46-k-l with A representing Pd or Pt

6. claims: 9-11,20-22

Claim 9 relates to a clathrate compound having the following formula:

Ba8 Em Ga6-m Ge40 with E representing Cu or Ag

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Box II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

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because they relate to parts of the International Application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful International Search can be carried out, specifically:
3. ☐ Claims Nos.:
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Box III Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 3 of first sheet)

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1. ☐ As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers all searchable claims.
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